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Forename:

Surname:

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North Devon would unacceptably narrow the range of DAB programme services available in the Exeter and Torbay area? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

I do not know about Exeter & Torbay. I live in North Devon and I am concerned about the impact on local radio in North Devon.

Question 2: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North Devon would be calculated to maintain or promote the development of digital

sound broadcasting in the UK otherwise than by satellite? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

I do not know what the intention is.

Question 3: Do you think that Now Digital's proposals for providing coverage of North Devon are satisfactory? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

No. Infact quote the opposite. My research shows that turning off FM will deprive a significant percentange of North Devonians of access to local radio. At best DAB is planned to reach only 85% to 90% of the UK.

Question 4: Do you consider that Now Digital has the ability to maintain its local radio multiplex service if its request is granted? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

I do not know how capable Now Digital are.

Question 5: (For programme service providers on the Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex only) Do you consider that there are sufficient safeguards in place to protect your rights and interests in the event that Now Digital is permitted to extend coverage to include North Devon?:

No answer required.

Question 6: Do you consider that there any other grounds on which Ofcom should approve, or not approve, the request from Now Digital? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

The only "local" radio station that may get a DAB licence is Heart. BUT they are NOT local. Only a fraction of their airtime is Devon focused. And this focus is towards Plymouth and Exeter which being between 50 and 70 miles away is not representative of North Devon interests. Readvertising the FM licence will allow more that one station to look after the needs of North Devon. Only one provider would be a Monopoly and surely this is against the best interests of the local community.